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Mr. Jack Murphy  
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119 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011

Dear Mr. Murphy:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 26, 2018. You seek a copy of Bronze Star citations awarded to Lieutenant (LT) Craig R. Becker. Your request was referred and received in this office (PERS-00J) on March 30, 2018, from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36). Your request has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20180354 by this command.

A copy of an available responsive Bronze Star citation documentation is enclosed. If necessary, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil), (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. P. German", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

D. P. GERMAN  
FOIA/PA Officer  
By direction





# Chief of Naval Operations

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the  
BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Gold Star in lieu of the Second Award) to

LIEUTENANT CRAIG R. BECKER  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

For heroic achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy while serving as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team Leader while assigned to a Joint Task Force in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM on 30 April 2012. On this date, while targeting enemy fighters responsible for Improvised Explosive Device facilitation, Lieutenant Becker's Strike Force was engaged in a fierce firefight with numerous insurgents. Displaying unparalleled courage under fire, he exposed himself to effective enemy small arms and grenade attack to provide covering fire to facilitate the evacuation of wounded members of his Strike Force. Minutes later, under fire, Lieutenant Becker crawled across a 20 foot high ledge pausing several times to engage the enemy to reach an adjacent rooftop where he effectively destroyed an enemy fighter and facilitated the movement of his combat team to gain advantageous positions. His actions during the vicious firefight shifted the tide of the engagement and furthered the safe evacuation of injured personnel. Lieutenant Becker's bold leadership, courageous actions, and total devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the President,

JONATHAN W. GREENERT  
Admiral, United States Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations

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